

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended the specification to conform to U.S. patent practice.

The claims have been amended to eliminate numeric identifiers and multiple dependent claims and provide proper antecedent basis. Applicant has added new claims 18-20 which are embraced by original claims.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-20 will be presented for consideration.

Applicant requests that the amendments be made prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee.

Respectfully Submitted,

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